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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1880 and the True Southron in 1884. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

One hundred years ago the United States declared an embargo on shipments to England in retaliation for British interference with American commerce on the high seas. This measure did not accomplish the desired result and England, persisting in the exercise of "the right of search," claimed as one of her inviolable prerogatives, the war of 1812 followed. In those days England was not dependent, in as large a measure as today, upon the United States for supplies of food and other necessities and not at all for munitions of war with which to fight Napoleon. England was in a position of absolute independence insofar as the weak and sparsely populated United States was concerned and did not desire our friendship or even neutrality. They pursued a policy of high handed arrogance and forced the United States into war after all peaceful efforts to adjust the differences had been exhausted. The situation is different now. England, France and Russia cannot continue the war against Germany for any long period without drawing upon the United States for supplies of food, clothing, ammunition, rifles, artillery, aeroplanes, automobiles and other equipment. England realizes her dependence upon the United States and our neutrality is of vital importance in this crisis. If England has over-stepped her rights, under well established international law and custom, in the exercise of police power on the sea and by so doing has infringed the rights of the United States to the damage of our citizens engaged in neutral commerce, it is not likely that she will persist in a high-handed and indefensible policy if it is made clear, in a firm and positive declaration, that the United States will not tolerate further interference with and damage to our commerce. As a last resort an embargo on shipments to England, France and Russia, although a drastic measure, would bring England to her senses and impress upon her lords of the admiralty that the United States will not submit to arbitrary and unreasonable interference with legitimate, neutral commerce, and that if forced to it will retaliate in the most effective manner possible.

Gov. Blease ought to be impeached for his abuse of the pardoning power and for the disbanding of the militia as well as for numerous other acts of misconduct, but we have no idea it will be done. Blease still has many friends scattered over the State whose enmity no member of the legislature seeks to monopolize. Blease has managed to put across his high-binder stuff and get away with it only because he has had the office-holders buffaloeed from the start. Even in the counties in which Blease has always been in the minority, the Blease faction often wields the balance of power in a close election and is therefore treated with considerable deference by those who seek office.

Reading between the lines of the asylum report of the legislative committee one is led to conclude that conditions in that institution are in a deplorable and disgusting condition. It has become a dumping ground for political derelicts, who are incompetent and unfit for the positions they occupy. The asylum needs a thorough overhauling more sadly than any other State institution and it is to be hoped that the legislature will take the necessary steps to remedy conditions that have steadily grown worse and worse for a comparatively long period of years. The public can scarcely have forgotten the shocking revelations made as the result of an investigation by a legislative committee some five or six years ago.

If a thorough-going anarchy and a complete reign of lawlessness is the result sought, Gov. Blease should supplement his liberation of all the criminals and the disbanding of the militia by removing all the sheriffs and magistrates.

Some day a dry as dust historian will exclaim, with a smile, "What fools these mortals be," when he runs

across Cole Blease's genealogy tucked away in the messages of the governors of South Carolina. He will marvel that so petty an egotist ever held the office of governor and will attribute the political accident to a passing phase of mental aberration on the part of the voters of South Carolina.

The resignation of Gov. Blease is the pleasantest surprise law-abiding citizens have had in many a long day.

Mr. Charles A. Smith, of Timmons-ville, realizes his ambition, and his name is on the list of governors of South Carolina. Cole L. Blease has done for him what the voters declined to do.

Now let's forget Blease, think of pleasant things and work for the moral, educational, industrial and political rehabilitation of the State. This should be easy to do since Richard I. Manning has promised to be the governor of all the people of South Carolina.

The earthquake in Italy, although one of the most terrible and destructive calamities in modern times, is completely overshadowed by the Kaiser-made horror that has filled Europe with dead and wounded for five months past. What is a little earthquake with its ten thousand killed and wounded and few millions of property damage to the millions of killed and wounded men and the billions of property destroyed in the war that Germany forced on Europe in the attempt to attain world power? What are a few cracks in the venerable walls of St. Peter's when compared with ruin wrought at Rheims, Louvain, Liege, Lille, and other French and Belgian towns by the German military machine? Kaiser Wilhelm has surpassed even nature itself in manifestation of destructive power. Hock, der Kaiser!

THE INAUGURAL SPECIAL.

Charleston and Florence Desire to Get in on Celebration.

Florence and Timmons-ville wish to get in on the Inaugural Day Special which has been chartered to operate from Sumter on January 19th, when Gov. R. I. Manning will be inaugurated as governor of South Carolina, and will begin his duties as the chief executive of the State.

A statement has also been received from Charleston expressing the desire to get in on the celebration and it is probable that they too will secure an Inaugural Special in order that people from that city may attend the inauguration ceremonies.

Those from Sumter county, who wish to go to Columbia on the Inaugural Special are requested to notify the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at once, as it is desirable to have suitable provision made beforehand, so that accommodations made will be ample for all without any crowding.

The following letter from Secretary Hartwell M. Ayer, of the Florence Chamber of Commerce will be read with much pleasure by Sumter people. Florence and Sumter counties have for many years been the closest of friends and Sumter people will be delighted to have Florentines to go along on the same train to see Sumter's favorite son sworn in as governor. Secretary Reardon has already requested the Atlantic Coast Line to start the Manning Inaugural Day Special from Florence.

Mr. E. I. Reardon, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Mr. Reardon. We Florence folks want to join you all in demonstration on Mr. Manning inauguration day. We want that excursion to run from Florence as a large number of Florence people want to go over. Timmons-ville also wants to join the crowd with very probably a number from Cartersville, Lynchburg, to say nothing from Mayesville.

I have asked the railroad here to let us all in on this special and they have referred me to you. Take it up right away and let us join with you in celebrating the return of good government for South Carolina and the inauguration of the first governor we have had since the days of Hampton.

Yours very truly,

Hartwell M. Ayer,

Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

The red light district which was driven out of the city several months ago has been operating in full blast just beyond the limits without police supervision, and drunken rows, cutting scrapes and shooting spree have been of frequent occurrence. Within the past few weeks there have been several serious affrays. The grand jury should investigate this matter and if possible do something to abate this lawless nuisance.

The condition of the streets is the best possible argument for street paving under the abutting property assessment plan. Sumter can have good streets and sidewalks and save money on maintenance.

WADE FUND PLAN UNUSED.

McLAURIN SAYS CONDITIONS MAKE IT OF NO USE.

John Skelton Williams Asks Why Farmers and Merchants are Not Borrowing and Warehouse Commissioner Replies.

Columbia Jan. 14.—In a telegram to John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, said yesterday in substance that the Wade cotton loan plan is of little benefit to the farmers and bankers of South Carolina.

Commissioner McLaurin received the following message from Mr. Williams:

"Letter 9th received. Why is it that farmers and merchants are not availing themselves to the advantages of the cotton fund, which have been offered to them on terms that appear so favorable both as to time and interest rate? This fund is only available to those who may apply for same prior to February 1."

The following is the reply of the warehouse commissioner:

"Your wire. Banks assert they can not afford to make 6 per cent. investment as required by the B certificate, as terms of Wade fund forbid a charge for arranging loan. The farmer can borrow only 5 cents per pound on his cotton and the local bank has to carry one-fourth of this which makes 3 3-4 cents per pound net on the cotton. Merchants are afraid that not enough of the fund will be used to prevent expenses, consuming the entire 3 per cent. reserved, which would make the interest amount to 9 per cent. I have used utmost effort and hope some arrangement in line with my letter of 9th possible."

Senator McLaurin had been contending that relief should be afforded under the agricultural section of the currency law, where discount of paper can be made for six months, either with or without the indorsement of a member bank. The regulation adopted by the board now limits the terms of the act itself to 25 per cent. of the capital stock and surplus of the reserve bank. It is provided in the act, however, that by direction of the board in Washington any other reserve bank in the system can be required to discount for the Richmond bank. The telegram from the comptroller of the currency is an inquiry as to why the Wade fund is not being used in the South. This, in the opinion of Mr. McLaurin, emphasizes the importance of the \$500,000 loan fund.

Tribute of Respect.

At a meeting of Camp Dick Anderson, the following resolutions were adopted:

That in the death of Comrade Thos. H. Burkett the camp has lost a true and faithful member, and the county a good citizen. Personally known to many of us, we feel his death most deeply. Imbued with that spirit of patriotism that swept the State from mountain to seaboard in '61 he volunteered among the first troops, and served in the army of Northern Virginia, until disabled by a serious wound. Not at all daunted by his great loss, he accepted the situation after the war and bent every effort toward the rebuilding of our State. He was a fond and loving parent and possessed of all good attributes that go to make a worthy citizen, and while his surviving comrades deplore his loss, we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God.

By order:

P. Moses, Commandant,
E. Scott Carson, Adjutant.

Privateer News Notes.

Privateer, Jan. 11.—Farmers in this section are going ahead preparing for another crop. There is some cotton still in the fields to be gathered. Labor is plentiful and cheap. More oats than usual has been planted and some wheat, but not very much. I haven't heard of any preparation being made to plant tobacco, but suppose that there will be some planted. It looks now as if the cotton acreage will be reduced at least 50 per cent.

Mr. LeRoy Wells has moved from Sumter to his old home near Privateer.

Mr. W. D. Lynam has sold out and moved to Laurens.

Mr. Parton Kolb, who was badly hurt some time ago in his father's machinery is doing nicely. The health of the neighborhood is good.

Belgian Relief Fund.

Previously acknowledged... \$274.56
Mrs. Sudie F. Dabbs... 3.00
Mrs. E. P. Ricker... 5.00
Wedgfield contribution... 30.00
W. L. Jackson, Bethel... .50
L. M. Jackson, Bethel... 1.00

\$314.06

Country eggs are becoming more plentiful and are selling for 25 to 30 cents a dozen.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency.
NO. 10670.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1914.
Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The National Bank of Sumter" in the City of Sumter, in the county of Sumter and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now Therefore, I, John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The National Bank of Sumter" in the City of Sumter, in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence business of banking as provided in Section Fifty-one Hundred and Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. Conversion of The Bank of Sumter, South Carolina.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-third day of December, 1914.

(Signed) Jno. Skelton Williams,
Comptroller of the Currency.

(Seal)

NO. 10660.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1914.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The National Bank of South Carolina of Sumter" in the city of Sumter in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now Therefore I, John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The National Bank of South Carolina of Sumter," in the city of Sumter, in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Conversion of The Bank of South Carolina, Sumter, S. C.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this fifth day of December, 1914.

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS,
Comptroller of the Currency.

(Seal.)

ART LOAN EXHIBIT.

The Civic League Library committee have an announcement to make which they hope will be hailed with delight by the art-loving public.

Through the efforts of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, we will receive the loan of a traveling art collection to be exhibited for two days in the auditorium of the girls' high school. During these two days the public are invited to take advantage of this privilege, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, January 19 and 20th, from 3.30 until 6 o'clock.

In connection with this there will be a silver tea to pay for the expenses of bringing this art collection.

The artist and owner of this collection is Mr. Wm. Silva, who has pictures in some of the best known galleries abroad and in America.

Lodgepole pine, one of the principal trees of the Rocky Mountains, makes good strong wrapping paper and pulp board.

FOR RENT—One to four-horse farm, with new six-room house, at Spring Hill, Lee county. Part of home place of late W. S. Smith. Graded school, church and R. F. D. at door. Good land and delightful place to live. An unusual opportunity. Apply to C. P. Osteen, Sumter, S. C.

FOR SALE—Duroc-Jersey pigs, registered stock, four months old, \$15 each; \$25 per pair. Also limited quantity iron pens. T. S. DuBose, Jr., Oswego, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1, Box 58.

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Members have already been enrolled in the

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The National Bank of Sumter

It is the desire of the officials of the bank not to receive any more memberships after 2.00 o'clock Saturday afternoon; so if you have not joined, we would be glad to have you do so by that time.

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Conducted by the Commercial & Savings Bank has enjoyed a most successful year and on January 1st, 1915, disbursed \$7,155.00 among its shareholders.

We cordially invite you to become a Shareholder for 1915. The first payment was due Saturday, January 2nd, 1915.

GEO. D. SHORE,
President.

J. K. CROSSWELL,
Vice-Pres.

R. A. BRADHAM,
Cashier.

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To get started with you we make you the following offer: Send us \$1.50 for 1,000 Frost Proof Cabbage Plants, grown in the open air and will stand freezing; grown from the celebrated seed of Bolzina & Son and Thorburn & Co., and I will send you 1,000 Cabbage Plants additional FREE, and you can repeat the order as many times as you like. I will give you special prices on Potato Seed and Potato Plants later. We want the accounts of close buyers, large and small. We can supply all.

ATLANTIC COAST PLANT CO.

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